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Claims 1-20 are currently pending and under examination herein.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: reference numerals 107 and 119 (see page 9, final full sentence; page 11, lines 7-8 and *cf.*, Figure 1). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Boyd et al is cited as an example of a fluid inlet nozzle distributor including a swirl chamber that imparts rotational motion to a fluid exiting the nozzle.

Nagato et al is cited to show a fluidized bed reactor comprising a plurality of fluidizing gas diffusion devices disposed at a bottom of a fluidized bed furnace for

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imparting different fluidizing speeds to the fluidized medium in a fluidized bed in the furnace.

Claims 1-20 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant claims a polymerization process including the steps of: passing a feed stream comprising liquid and gas through a feed stream inlet disposed proximate an upflow polymerization reactor; passing the feed stream through a member configured to impart an angular velocity to the feed stream and entrain the liquid in the gas; and contacting the feed stream with a catalyst to polymerize the feed stream. Examiner has not found this combination of steps to be disclosed or fairly suggested in the prior art.

Applicant also claims a polymerization reactor, comprising: a housing having a lower region and an upper region, the upper region and lower region being separated by a catalyst bed; a feed stream inlet disposed proximate the lower region of the housing configured to pass a feed stream therethrough comprising liquid and gas; a fluid outlet disposed proximate the upper region of the housing; and a member mounted in the housing between the feed stream inlet and the catalyst bed comprising a plurality of apertures positioned at an angle of greater than about 0 degrees and less than about 90 degrees from horizontal. Examiner has not found this combination of elements to be disclosed or fairly suggested in the prior art.

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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Objection to the Drawings as detailed above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner F. M. Teskin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM, and can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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